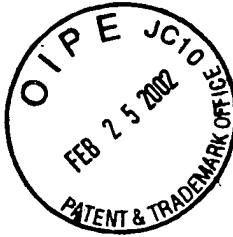


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In re Application of: )  
Renato CARETTA )  
Application No.: 09/364,099 ) Group Art Unit: 1733  
Filed: July 30, 1999 ) Examiner: Knable, G.  
For: METHOD OF )  
MANUFACTURING A )  
CARCASS STRUCTURE FOR )  
TYRES, IN PARTICULAR FOR )  
TWO-WHEELED VEHICLES, )  
AND CARCASS STRUCTURE )  
OBTAINABLE THEREBY )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE**  
**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (“Statement”) is being filed after the events recited in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned’s knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, an *ex parte Quayle* Action, or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311.

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Statement includes a certification as specified by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

Based on reasonable inquiry, no document listed in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and no

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document listed in this Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Applicant would also like to point out to the Examiner the following pending patent application that may be related to the present application: U.S. patent application No. 09/885,092, filed June 21, 2001.

In an Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) filed on October 28, 1999, Applicant pointed out U.S. provisional patent application No. 60/118,527. This provisional patent application was abandoned in favor of U.S. patent application No. 09/885,092. As a result, Applicant does not believe that this pointing out requires Applicant to pay the fee specified by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c)(2) and 1.17(p). If, however, the Examiner finds that this pointing out does require Applicant to pay this fee, please charge this fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim(s) in the application and Applicant determines that the cited document(s) do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Patent Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document(s).

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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